

# City of Boston IN

## CITY COUNCIL

*CHARLES C. YANCEY, CHUCK TURNER, AYANNA PRESSLEY & FELIX G. ARROYO*

### *IN HONOR OF CRISPUS ATTUCKS*

- WHEREAS: Crispus Attucks, on March 5, 1770, became the first man to fall in the American Revolution along with Samuel Maverick, James Caldwell, Samuel Gray and Patrick Carr; and
- WHEREAS: The five Americans were killed by British soldiers while protesting the violation of rights of colonists by British troops and the Townshend Acts, which were implemented by the British to indirectly tax the Colonies; and
- WHEREAS: In previous months, Attucks had spoken in front of large crowds, inspiring colonists to courageously unify and fight for their freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Although Attucks, himself, was not treated equally, having run away from his slave master to become a whaler 20 years earlier, he was leading the march against the Townshend Acts when the massacre occurred; and
- WHEREAS: Attucks was born in 1723 to his father, Prince, a slave of Colonel Buckminster in Framingham, Massachusetts and his mother, Nancy, a Natick Indian of the Praying Indian Tribe of North America; and
- WHEREAS: Attucks, at age 16, was sold to Deacon William Brown also of Framingham, where his duties included buying and selling cattle and traveling widely to look for business; and
- WHEREAS: Attucks, at age 27, escaped from Deacon Brown during a business trip to Boston where he secretly applied for a job as a whaler; and
- WHEREAS: Attucks returned to Boston at age 46, during a time when King George the Third had tried to rule over the colonies without their permission, leading to arguments between Parliament and Colonist leaders and to tension between British troops and townspeople; and
- WHEREAS: Attucks was targeted by British soldiers because of his bravery and his ability to inspire others to revolt against the oppressive British rule; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby declares March 5, 2010 as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates the Historic Boston Equal Rights League on keeping the memory of Crispus Attucks alive.



By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mayor Thomas M. Menino*  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Alexandra M. Amato*  
City Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Charles C. Yancey*  
March 3, 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_